the World Bank, the Government provided assurances that it would :—

— establish by October 31, 1992 and then maintain a Technical Advisory Sub-Committee on Social, Ethical and Legal Issues, according to terms of reference satisfactory to International Development Agency (IDA) ;

— cause project States and UTs by dates agreed with IDA to establish and maintain AIDS Control Cells in their respective Departments of Health ;

— develop under terms of reference satisfactory to IDA by June 30, 1995, a strategic plan for the next phase of the Government's programme for HIV/AIDS control ;

— select NGOs on the basis of criteria and procedures satisfactory to IDA ;

— promulgate by September 30, 1992 and thereafter maintain and enforce regulations requiring that condoms manufactured or sold in India conform to quality standards established by WHO ;

— review annual progress and plans with IDA ; and

— carry out with IDA a mid-term review of project implementation prior to March, 1995 and take into account comments and suggestions made by IDA during implementation thereafter.

The conditions laid by the International Development Agency (a soft loan associate of World Bank) are : (a) the Government shall establish and thereafter maintain a National AIDS Control Authority, with adequate full-time staff, other resources and terms of reference satisfactory to IDA, and the designated staff shall have commenced work ; and (b) all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the WHO grant would have been fulfilled. A condition of disbursement for expenditures incurred by any State or UT would be that the Government furnish IDA with a Letter of Undertaking satisfactory to IDA from that State or UT which would outline how each State/UT would carry out its part of the project.

(b) and (c) Yes. There is a proposal to set up a National AIDS Control Authority which is under the consideration of the Government.

Laboratory Facilities in Dispensary Number 76

866. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no laboratory facilities in the C.G.H.S. dispensary number 76 at Kalibari Marg, New Delhi whereas at the time of the construction of the building there was a provision that lab facilities including the X-ray, blood test and Urine test etc. would be provided to the C.G.H.S. beneficiaries at the dispensary ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of the lab facilities there, patients are asked to go to the dispensary at Chitra Gupta Road for laboratorol tests etc. causing a lot of inconvenience to them;

(c) whether Government also propose to make arrangements for Emergency Service also at the dispensary at Kali Bari in view of the number of C.G.H.S. beneficiaries enrolled there ;

(d) if so, by when all these facilities are likely to be made available at the Kali Bari dispensary ; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons there for ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) The beneficiaries of Kali Bari dispensary (No. 76) are availing of laboratory facilities from Chitra Gupta Road dispensary which is at a convenient distance from Kali Bari Dispensary.

(c) At present there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government. However, the beneficiaries of Kalibari dispensary are availing Emergency Service from Gole Market dispensary.

(d) In view of reply given at (c) above, the question does not arise.

(e) Due to financial constraints, it is not possible to provide Emergency Services in Kali Bari Dispensary at present.

Selection of Students for M.S. Studies

867. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of backward and most backward students who passed M.B.B.S. and were selected for M.S. studies by the Central Government during 1992 ; and

(b) whether Government propose to fix norms for selecting backward and most backward class M.B.B.S. students for M.S. course ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) The Government do not make any classification of the students passing M.B.B.S. examination in terms of backward or most backward students. The Central Government Medical Institutions are however, required to reserve 15% seats for Scheduled caste and 7.5% seats for Scheduled Tribe Candidates.

(b) Does not arise.

Mouth and Throat Cancer in Bihar

868. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an alarming rise in the number of mouth and throat cancer patients in Bihar ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with the number of mouth and throat cancer patients detected and undergoing treatment upto 31st March, 1992 in the State ; and

(c) what remedial action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) There is no specific information regarding the number of mouth and throat cancer patients in Bihar. The data collected under the National Cancer Registry Programme of the Indian Council of Medical Research do not indicate any increase in the incidents of Oral cancer over the years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Autonomous Status to JIPMER

869. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the appeal of Anti-Conversion Action Committee of JIPMER Hospital, Pondicherry against reported proposal for converting JIPMER into an autonomous organisation ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for such proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to achieve maximum functional efficiency and the over all growth of the Institute.

Reservation Policy of AIIMS

870. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1975 upto 1990 sixteen posts of senior Residents in the ENT Department of AIIMS, New Delhi were filled and only one Scheduled Caste candidate was appointed amongst them in the year 1986 ;